

Remarks

As will be discussed in greater detail below, the claims have been amended for clarity so as to overcome objections thereto set forth by the Examiner in various parts of the Action. No new matter has been added.

Thus, referring to the objection set forth on page 2 of the Action, (as well as to the discussion in the previous paragraph on the status of the claims) the definition of R has been amended in independent claims 1 and 6 to avoid reading on the non-elected heterocyclic derivatives.. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

As regards the rejection of claim 8 discussed in the last item on page 2 of the action, that claim has been cancelled and replaced by new product-by-process claim 9. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 6 has also been amended so as to obviate the objections to the following recitations discussed in the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 discussed on page 3 of the Action:

“a suitable base” has been deleted and replaced by ‘potassium tert.-butoxide’ in accordance with the disclosure at page 8, lines8-9, of the specification; and

“N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinon” the art-recognized definition of ‘NMP’ has been inserted immediately preceding NMP, which has been placed within parentheses.

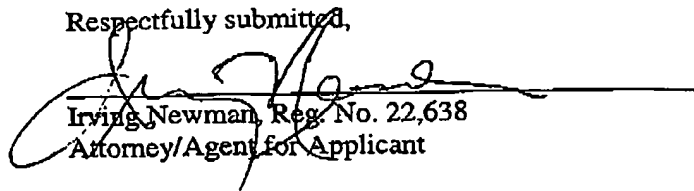
Accordingly, this rejection, too, should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The Examiner’s indication that claims 1-4 and 5-8 would be allowable upon the deletion of reference to non-elected subject matter, as accomplished by the foregoing amendment, is noted with appreciation.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims, as amended, are now in condition for Allowance. Prompt action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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